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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH


COUNTY LINE CHURCH, Lee Co., Ala.

Commencing on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, and Ending

Thursday, Oct. 14th, A. D 1886, inclusive.

Officers of the Association for 1886-'87.

G. D. BENTON, Crawford, Ala.....	Moderator
R. E. STOCKTON, Columbus, Ga.....	Clerk
E. W. SOLOMONS, Salem, Ala.....	Treasurer


 The next Session of this Association will be held with Cubahatchie Church, C. & W. Railway, on Wednesday before the Third Sabbath in October, A. D. 1887.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Service.
2. Read Letters from Churches and Enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to Seats with us.
4. Organize by Electing Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, and Deceased Ministers.
8. Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.*
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear Reports from the Several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Auditing Committee.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes, and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, October 13, 1886.

Pursuant to appointment, the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with County Line Church, Lee county, Alabama, at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, A. D. 1886.

Elder Z. D. Roby being absent, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Crumpton, Secretary and Treasurer of the Alabama State Mission Board, from 2d Corinthians, 12th chapter and 9th verse. Text: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Prayer by Elder J. F. Bledsoe. Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY—1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder G. D. Benton. Moderator read 72d Psalm. Prayer by Elder G. A. Hornaby.

Brother G. A. Hornaby and Brother C. S. Johnson were appointed to read the letters.

Letters from the following churches were read, viz :

Rock Mount—J. L. Simms, Wm. Phipps, Dr. W. J. Love.

Union Grove—N. J. Whitman, G. W. Gullatt.

Society Hill—Jas. Meadows, J. B. Clements.

County Line—Nathan Alridge, J. S. Adams.

Crawford—H. P. Wells, J. S. Harris.

New Hope—C. A. Shell, W. Knowles, R. E. Stockton.

Opelika—J. H. Mullius, Dr. A. N. Adams.

Pleasant Hill—J. L. Collins.

Salem—J. M. Love, Davis Stringers, Dr. D. W. Floyd.

Notasulga—Letter sent by Robt Jennings, of Concord.

Concord, Macon County—Robt. Jennings.

Pleasant Grove—B. F. Meadows.

Auburn—F. T. Hudson, W. E. Lloyd.

Loachapoka—Nat G. Macon.

Concord, Lee County—R. J. Tillery.

Shiloh—J. P. Arrant, W. F. Huguley.

Tuskegee—G. A. Hornaby, W. S. Ivey, J. M. Heard.

Elam—P. L. Zellars, C. B. Huguley, Jos. Huguley.

Philadelphia—W. A. J. White, S. L. Mullins.

And delegates' names enrolled.

After inviting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us, a motion was carried to suspend the regular order of electing officers, and elect by acclamation. The following brethren were unanimously elected:

Elder G. D. BENTON, Moderator.

R. E. STOCKTON, Clerk.

E. W. SOLOMONS, Treasurer.

Correspondents from sister Associations being called for, the following brethren responded, and were warmly welcomed by the Moderator:

Liberty East—J. F. Bledsoe, Noah Bass, C. S. Johnson, H. Garlington.

Harris—A. N. White.

Brother W. B. Crumpton, Secretary and Treasurer State Mission Board, and Dr. J. J. D. Rentfrow, representing the *Alabama Baptist*, were also heartily welcomed by the Moderator.

The following Committees, to report this session, were appointed:

ON PREACHING—Dr. A. N. Adams, H. P. Wells, and pastor and delegates of County Line Church.

ON DOCUMENTS—D. S. Duffie.

The following report was read:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The divine command, "Go, teach all nations," should be the inspiration to every heart claiming to be born of the Spirit of Christ. It is the Great Head of the church who gives the command; obedience must be of men; and they whose lives are dominated by the principles of pure and undefiled religion, will be ever ready to go. The mission work is work done for and in the name of Jesus, and to his people, and to them alone, has he said "teach all nations." This should be the underlying sentiment giving direction to all our efforts for the promotion of his cause, whether in the work of the Convention, the Association, the church or the individual. The kingdoms of this world must be brought under the dominion of Christ, and the great question presents itself to every Christian, "How is this to be accomplished?" Men, without the aid of the Holy Spirit, cannot hope to see the attainment of such a glorious end; and yet upon men has King Jesus devolved the duty of being the means to the end in bringing the nations under his dominion. Love for Christ must be, and is, the great constraining force in the heart of every true disciple, and that one who is not impelled to work for his cause and the advancement of his kingdom, has good reason to question the genuineness of his love. "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." To every one of God's children the command is given, go, teach! and he whose heart is inspired by love, cannot fail to be in obedience. If the nations of the earth are to be redeemed from the bondage of sin, love for God, and love for men, demands that every Christian shall be found in line and in sympathy with the marching order. But there must be system and co-operation all

along the line. An army of stragglers is a poor army; so the strength of union and close alliance is necessary for us in the great warfare in which we are engaged. Wise management is essential to the success of any great business undertaking; and it must be accompanied by faithful and continued work. How much greater then is there a necessity for us to wisely and prudently manage the important interests entrusted to us; and how much is there a demand at our hands for systematic work, co-operative work, persistent work, if we would do all in our power to push on to its grand consummation, the Gospel enlightenment of all nations. There are three "Mission Boards" to which has been assigned the management of our Mission interests; and to us, as followers of the Lord Jesus, do they look for aid in their efforts to send the Gospel to State, Home and Foreign fields. No detailed statement of the work of the "Boards" is given here, as a full report appears in the minutes of our Conventions. Suffice it to say the "Boards" have done their whole duty. They have wisely and well expended all the funds placed in their hands, and have accomplished all that seemed possible for them to do; but what does the record which we Baptists have made, we professed followers of Christ, force upon our minds as an inevitable conclusion? Have we done our whole duty? If we have attempted to meet its requirements, if we have tried to teach the nations, O how far have we fallen short of our obligations to God, and how little of the Spirit of Christ have we manifested?

The duty of the "Boards" is to disburse; our duty is to give, and just as we fail to meet our obligations, do we cripple them in their work. Let us take the statistics as furnished by the Secretary of our "State Mission Board" and see where we, the Baptists of Alabama, stand, and how far we have gone in obedience to the divine command. After having made some interesting statements in regard to the work done during the last conventional year, Bro. Crumpton reports an increase over the contributions for the previous year of \$418.00 for Home Missions, and for Foreign Missions, \$1,023.00. This would be a most gratifying statement, small as is the increase, were it not followed by the announcement of the fact that a great many calls for help here in our own State had to be denied, on account of a lack of funds. God's treasury allowed by God's people to be so depleted, that even at our very doors, the cry for help goes up, and yet no one can go. What a commentary on our faithfulness. Taking the figures of our Secretary, we find that all the white Baptists in Alabama contributed, for all purposes, \$11,768.54; distributed as follows: State Missions, \$6,396.98; Home Missions \$1,318.54; Foreign Missions, \$2,436.73; all other benevolent objects, \$1,616.29. There are in Alabama 90,000 white Baptists, and if we pro rate their contributions we find that God's people gave, to God's work not quite 10½ cents apiece. Are not such figures enough to startle and excite the apprehension of every one of us? Five cents per month from each one of these 90,000 Baptists would place in the hands of our Boards \$54,000.00, and there is not one who can not give so insignificant a sum. Figures are unmistakable, and we are compelled to admit that we do not, as Christians, give as we ought to give. The pockets of Baptist people need to be converted; and when they learn to give as they should, there will be no more unanswered calls for help. There is a remedy for every known disease; and there should be some means devised for the relief of this *nearness* of Baptists. Systematic work should be the aim of every church and pastor, and until the great army of Baptists in Alabama are organized as a great army of workers and givers, there will be a cry for help remaining unanswered. Instead of praying so fervently for more laborers to be sent into the harvest, let us send up one united petition that the 90,000 already united under the banner of the cross may realize that there is a work for each one of them to do; and then, with duty done, the Lord will not be slow

to bless his people, and the Gospel will be preached even to all nations.

We would respectfully suggest that all the churches adopt the plan of quarterly collections, as one of the best means of establishing a systematic increase in collections. The Secretary of the State Mission Board will furnish envelopes free to the churches, and by their use every individual will have an opportunity to contribute something.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. HORNADY.

A motion was made and carried that the report be laid on the table until to-morrow 9:30 o'clock.

Resumed reading letters from the following churches, and delegates' names enrolled :

Chewacla—W. Brewer.

Liberty, Lee County—D. M. Pitts, S. C. Dunn.

Girard—J. S. Roberts, B. J. King, T. W. Howard.

Called for report on Religious Literature. A motion to lay on table till 10 o'clock Thursday was carried.

On motion Dr. J. J. D. Rentfrow was appointed to preach at eleven o'clock to-morrow, (the Doctrinal Sermon) with Elder G. A. Hornaby alternate.

After prayer by Elder W. E. Lloyd, D. D., adjourned to 8:30 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY—8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order. Elder F. T. Hudson read the 19th Psalm. Dr. A. N. Adams followed in prayer.

Minutes of previous day confirmed.

Standing Committees to report next year were appointed as follows:

On Missions—F. T. Hudson, J. L. Collins, Jas. Meadows.

Sunday Schools—Dr. D. M. Floyd, N. G. Whitman, J. L. Simms.

Temperance—G. A. Hornaby, Robt Jennings, W. Knowles.

Education—Z. D. Roby, H. P. Wells, B. F. Meadows.

Deceased Ministers—Davis Stringer, J. T. Harris, W. F. Huguley.

Correspondents to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Liberty East—J. M. Love, Z. D. Roby, Dr. A. N. Adams, Nat G. Macon, D. S. Duffie, W. E. Lloyd, F. T. Hudson.

Columbus—G. D. Benton, C. R. McCrary, E. Adams, H. P. Wells, D. S. Duffie.

Harris—G. D. Benton, W. J. Love, D. S. Duffie, E. Adams, W. Knowles, H. P. Wells.

The following brethren were appointed to preach at the next session: Elder F. T. Hudson, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder W. E. Lloyd, D. D., to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Appointed Executive Committee as follows: Elder W. E. Lloyd, D. D., Elder Z. D. Roby, D. D., W. E. Hudman.

A committee consisting of Brothers W. J. Love, Dr. A. N. Adams and Dr. E. W. Floyd, were appointed to nominate delegates to State Convention.

Report of Executive Committee called for, and in lieu thereof the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That to keep posted on the condition of affairs in our denomination, of the inward progress, of the aggressive movements of truth as visibly organized in the Baptist churches of our land, not only in our own country, but also in foreign lands, it is essentially necessary that the members of our churches should subscribe for and read such books as pertain to the usage and doctrine of our denomination. We commend to the Association Brother J. F. Bledsoe, whose report as Colporteur will be found below:

To the Executive Committee of the Tuskegee Association:—I submit the following report of service rendered, and books sold, within bounds of the Tuskegee Association during the present associational year:

Number miles traveled.....	1,421
Number books sold.....	214
Value of same.....	\$178 25
Sermons delivered.....	31
Addresses to Sunday Schools.....	13
Family visits.....	141
Pages tracts distributed.....	1,500

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BLEDSOE.

The hour of 9:30 having arrived, the special order, "Report on Missions," was, on motion, postponed to give place to discussion on religious literature.

REPORT ON DOCUMENT AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It is the deep conviction of your Committee on Religious Literature that every Baptist family ought to take the *Alabama Baptist*; it will quicken up the spiritual life in the soul, and will impart valuable religious knowledge to all that will carefully read it, therefore we hope there may something be said that will induce our brethren to read the *Alabama Baptist*, for we cannot conceive how an Alabama Baptist can do without it.

D. S. DUFFEY, *Chairman*.

This subject was ably spoken to by W. E. Lloyd, J. F. Bledsoe, W. D. Crumpton and Dr. J. J. D. Rentfrow, after which the report was adopted.

Report on Missions was taken up, and after being spoken to by G. A. Hornaby, H. Gaslington, W. B. Crumpton, was adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended for ten minutes, to give Brother J. J. D. Rentfrow time to take subscriptions for the *Alabama Baptist*.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Elder G. A. Hornaby, alternate, (the appointee, Dr. J. J. D. Rentfrow, being unable to preach on account of sickness) from Matthew, 28th chapter and 19th verse. Text: "Go ye and teach all nations."

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order. Prayer by H. P. Wells.

Report on Sunday Schools called for. A motion to lay on table prevailed.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to State Convention, reported the following names, and on motion they were unanimously elected: E. W. Solomons, J. C. Condon, C. Little, Dr. L. W. Harris, W. V. Fonville, G. A. Hornaby.

On call for report on education, the following resolution was presented in lieu thereof:

Resolved, That it would be of no practical importance to attempt to evolve anything new on the subject of education. It needs be said, however, that our denomination is intensely interested in the progress and development of home education. The times, and the sentiment of our people are propitious of better system and more thorough education. These signs, when we contemplate the future, ought to give us hope, and inspire more confidence and effort.

After being spoken to by W. D. Crumpton and G. A. Hornaby, the resolution was, on motion, adopted.

On motion the report on Sunday Schools was taken from the table.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, report that we believe that the Word of God ought and should be taught, especially to the young. And we can but reiterate what has been read and approved by former meetings of this Association, and that brethren exercise more diligence in trying to establish a school in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. HUDSON,
Committee.

Spoken to by W. D. Crumpton, after which the report was adopted.

The delegates of the different churches estimated that their churches could raise for ministerial education the following

amounts; money to be sent to E. W. Solomons, Treasurer, Salem, Ala., by the first of February, 1887:

		Amount up.....	\$ 56 75	
Auburn.....	\$ 10 00	Philadelphia.....	5 00	
Beulah.....	5 00	Salem.....	5 00	
County Line.....	5 00	Society Hill.....	5 00	
Crawford.....	5 00	Tuskegee.....	55 00	
Elam.....	9 25	Rocky Mount.....	5 00	
Loachapoka.....	5 00	Union Grove.....	2 50	
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00	Good Hope.....	5 00	
Opelika.....	10 00	Liberty.....	5 00	
Pleasant Grove (paid).....	2 50	Chewacla.....	5 00	
Amount up.....		\$56 75	Total.....	\$149 25

The following brethren pledged themselves to give the amounts opposite their names:

E. W. Solomons.....	\$ 5 00	R. E. Stockton.....	10 00
E. C. Johnson.....	5 00	D. S. Duffie.....	5 00
W. E. Lloyd.....	10 00	C. R. McCrary.....	10 00
		Total.....	\$45 00

The following report was read:

REPORT ON 'TEMPERANCE.

Temperance in all things is enjoined in the Word of God, and it would not be amiss, under ordinary circumstances, to make a very general report, but the ultimate design in the appointment of a Committee on Temperance is confined to the repression of intemperance in regard to the use of intoxicating stimulants. The apostle Paul represents temperance as one of the foundation stones of a true Christian manhood, he also places it in the very midst of those adorning graces of a true Christian character, "Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance," etc. Temperance means moderation in the indulgence of the appetites, moderation in every particular, sobriety; does it not also mean prudence? The same apostle tells us that he would not eat meat or drink wine, if by so doing it might be the occasion of offense or a stumbling block to the weak; then it evidently means prudence. The history of wine drinking is the history of sin, woe, corruption, wickedness and the fearful judgments of God. Noah, the preacher of righteousness, planted a vineyard, manufactured wine, became drunken, reduced himself beneath the brutes that perish; an act so debasing as to carry along with it the marks of God's displeasure, in the temporal vassalage of Ham's posterity, the disgraceful downfall of Lot, and its consequent evils. These two instances alone, (many others might be enumerated,) should have impressed the world with the hideousness of the monster intemperance. But the occasion does not justify a lengthy discussion of the subject. Whiskey drinking, rum-drinking, dram-drinking, is the moral Goliath of the day. We might speak of the vast multitude of souls wrecked annually, the woe from widowed hearts, crushed homes, impoverished orphanage, the heritage of insanity, the penitentiary, the gibbet, but all is patent to the intelligent man. The problem for us is: Our duty to God, our country, our children, and unborn generations yet to come. Is there no remedy for this monster evil? We answer this question in the affirmative; we say the time has come when Christians must speak with no uncertain sound. The liquor traffic must down. We wage no war against men nor

rights, unless men become the embodiment of unholy principles, and vice assumes the garb of virtue, and falsely names itself "*human rights*." Patriotism and philanthropy demand a most strict enforcement of the laws already enacted to suppress intemperance, and also favoring a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors to be used as a beverage.

We commit ourselves to no political party, platform or issue, but to prohibition, county, State and national, we most earnestly and cordially commit ourselves. Respectfully submitted. J. M. LOVE.

Spoken to by C. R. McCrary, W. E. Lloyd, W. D. Crumpton, A. N. White, G. A. Hornaby, Dr. A. N. Adams, after which it was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. W. SOLOMONS, *Treasurer, in account with the Tuskegee Association:*

1885	Dr.		
Oct. 10—	To amount from Rocky Mount Church.....	\$ 13 00	
1886			
Oct. 14—	To amount from churches for State Missions...	\$ 80 16	
	To amount from churches for Home Missions ..	26 61	
	To amount from churches for Foreign Missions.	46 86	
	To amount from churches for Missions	60 05	
	To amount from collection for Missions.....	18 90	
	To am't from collections for indigent ministers.	5 50	
	To am't from collec'ns for ministerial education	7 10	
	To am't from Elam Church for education.... }	2 50	
	To am't from Brother Ivy, education..... }		
	To am't from churches for minutes.....	34 00	
			\$294 68
	To balance brought down.....	\$2 50	
1885	Cr.		
Oct. 30—	By T. M. Bailey's receipt.....	\$ 13 00	
1886			
Oct. 14—	By R. E. Stockton's receipt.....	34 00	
	By W. B. Crumpton's (Sec'y) receipt.....	232 80	
	By W. B. Crumpton's (Sec'y) receipt.....	12 38	
	By balance brought down.....	2 50	
			\$294 68

E. W. SOLOMONS,

Treasurer Tuskegee Association.

October 14, 1886.

Report adopted.

FINANCE REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

CHURCHES.		Minutes.	State Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Education.	Church Building.	Church Building.	Bible Work.	Bible Work.	Sabbath School.	Sabbath School.	Vouches.	Mission Society.	Mission Society.	Vouches.	Missions Undivided.	Postage.	Cuba Seminary.	Total each Church.	
1	Auburn	\$	\$40 30	\$ 22 75	\$	\$15 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 81 29	
2	Cheverla	1 00																							7 70	
3	County Line	1 50	*2 10																						12 10	
4	Concord, Lee County.	1 00	4 20																						1 00	
5	Concord, Macon Co...	1 00	3 25	6 75	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	7 10	9 25														5 20	
6	Crawford	2 00																							44 10	
7	Elam	1 50																							12 25	
8	Good Hope	1 25																							1 25	
9	Girard	1 00	10 00																						11 00	
10	Liberty	1 50	2 75																						5 00	
11	Louchapoka	1 00	4 00																						11 00	
12	Notasunka	2 00																							18 00	
13	New Hope	1 50																							16 75	
14	Opelika	3 00	66 10																						134 00	
15	Pleasant Hill	1 00	2 50																						6 00	
16	Pleasant Grove	1 50																							4 50	
17	Philadelphia	1 50	4 10																						15 60	
18	Providence	1 00																							1 00	
19	Rocky Mount	1 25																							10 00	
20	Shiloh	1 50																							7 70	
21	Salem	1 50	8 40																						29 20	
22	Salem Miss'n Society.		2 66	2 75	2 66	8 40	2 00	50																	10 73	
23	Salem Sabbath School																								10 87	
24	Society Hill	1 50																							12 35	
25	Tuskegee	3 00	50 00																						188 80	
26	Union Grove	1 00																							6 40	
27	Cubahatchie																								18 90	
28	Collection																								18 90	
29																									\$687 69	
30		\$34 00	\$80 16	\$152 45	\$26 61	\$80 85	\$46 86	\$78 75	\$5 50	\$7 10	\$27 85	\$25 00		\$31 82		\$6 55									\$5 00	\$687 69

*County Line Sabbath School.
 Providence Church paid \$2.50 for education Bro. Ivey, 1887, and Rocky Mount Church paid \$13.00 in 1885, not in Treasurer's Report, but sent up to the Board. E. W. S.

On motion, the Association recommended the use of Brother Crumpton's envelopes in its several churches.

The hour of adjournment—4 P. M.—having arrived, the time was, on motion, extended, in order to finish the business for final adjournment.

The next session of this body was ordered to be held at Cubahatchie Church, at Cross Keys, in———county, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, A. D. 1887.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of County Line Church and community, for their hospitality and kindness in entertaining the members of this Association.

Resolved, That the money sent up for minutes be turned over to the Clerk, and that he be instructed to superintend the preparation of printing and distribution of the minutes pro rata, according to money forwarded in cash from each church.

The minutes were then read, adopted and signed.

A hymn was sung, and after prayer by Elder W. E. Lloyd, the body adjourned.

Thus ended a pleasant, profitable and harmonious meeting.

G. D. BENTON, *Moderator*.

R. E. STOCKTON, *Clerk*.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such times and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and an Executive Committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for all sums paid out: he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches, respectively, who may bring up funds; and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The Advisory Committee may fill vacancies occurring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report, in writing, the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday Schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messengers, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the Moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday School, with statistics, prayer meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three; and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The Minutes of the Association must be read, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.



Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Membership last re-ported.	Increase by					Decrease by				Present Membership.			Sunday School		Preaching Sabbaths.		
				Baptism.					Letter.				Exclusion.				Officers and Teachers.		Pupils.	Volumes in Library.
				Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	...	...	...	...			
1. Auburn.....	W. E. Lloyd, D. D.....	E. R. Lloyd, Auburn.....	70	17	6	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	96	...	...	111	...	All.
2. Chewacla.....	F. T. Hudson.....	W. E. Brewer, Opelika.....	...	11	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	...
3. County Line, Lee County.....	D. S. Duffie.....	J. K. Alridge, Salem.....	36	12	3	...	1	...	48	...	...	...	48	...	...	92	...	4
4. Concord, Lee County.....	J. B. Reese.....	R. A. Tillery, Mott's Mill.....	27	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	6	...	1
5. Concord, Macon County.....	G. Greary.....	J. B. Zachry, Notasulga.....	68	3	1	...	10	1	2	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	2
6. Crawford, Russell County.....	G. D. Benton.....	J. W. Grimes, Crawford.....	58	19	5	...	1	7	5	...	...	...	63	...	...	6	...	1
7. Curbatattie.....	.....	Shorter's.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	...
8. Eland.....	.....	L. A. Wright, Auburn.....	41	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	1
9. Good Hope.....	.....	T. W. Howard, Uchee.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Grand, Russell County.....	R. H. Bullock.....	T. W. Howard, Columbus, Ga.....	78	2	18	...	1	4	7	...	4	...	84	...	...	44	...	1 & 3
11. Liberty, Lee County.....	F. T. Hudson.....	R. B. Wright.....	...	19	3	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	...	...	2
12. Loachapoka.....	T. P. Hudson.....	T. E. Haynie, Loachapoka.....	37	...	...	...	6	...	32	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	4
13. Notasulga.....	J. J. Clond.....	.....	44	...	2	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	1
14. New Hope, Russell County.....	G. D. Benton.....	R. E. Stockton, Columbus, Ga.....	17	6	2	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	162	...	...	6	120	All.
15. Opelika.....	Z. D. Roby.....	Jno. J. Smith, Jr., Opelika.....	172	3	3	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
16. Pleasant Hill.....	F. T. Hudson.....	Jno. H. Collins, Tuskegee.....	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	3
17. Pleasant Grove.....	F. B. Reese.....	D. W. Eckles, Salem.....	67	5	3	...	7	3	1	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	2 & 4
18. Philadelphia.....	C. S. Johnson.....	S. L. Mullins, Smith's Station.....	60	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
19. Providence.....	.....	Salem.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20. Rocky Mount.....	C. S. Johnson.....	M. M. Monk, Wacoochee Valley.....	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	1
21. Shiloh.....	J. B. Reese.....	G. W. Huguley, Crawford.....	47	17	9	...	4	2	1	...	3	...	76	...	...	46	...	4
22. Salem.....	C. S. Johnson.....	D. W. Floyd, Salem.....	56	4	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	...	5	62	2
23. Society Hill.....	D. S. Duffie.....	C. F. Myhand, Society Hill.....	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	2
24. Tuskegee.....	G. A. Hornaby.....	M. L. Swanson, Tuskegee.....	130	25	7	...	1	...	12	...	...	...	120	...	...	8	...	All.
25. Union Grove.....	H. Garlington.....	A. M. Blalock.....	30	4	4	...	1	2	45	3		
			1066	166	85	...	13,88	21	...	14	1231	...	23	499		

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